

We claim:

1. A method for forming a decorative window muntin, said method comprising the steps of:

- C
- a) cutting a polymeric material into a desired <sup>muntin</sup> configuration;
  - b) coating the polymeric material; and
  - c) heating the polymeric material.

2. The method as claimed in claim 1 wherein cutting a polymeric material into a desired configuration comprises the step of cutting a sheet of polystyrene.

3. The method as claimed in claim 1 wherein coating the polymeric material comprises spray painting the polymeric material with a latex paint.

4. The method as claimed in claim 1 further comprising the step of placing the polymeric material between two panes of glass.

5. The method as claimed in claim 5 further comprising the step of hermetically sealing the two panes of glass. ✓

6. The product made by the method of claim 1.

7. A window comprising:

two panes of glass and a decorative muntin, said muntin including an end, said muntin comprising a coating layer, said muntin sandwiched between said panes of glass and hermetically sealed therein.

8. The window as claimed in claim 7 further comprising an aluminum pin, said pin positioned on said end of said muntin.

9. The window as claimed in claim 7 wherein said muntin is polystyrene and said coating layer is latex paint.

10. A method for making a decorative window muntin, said method comprising the steps of:

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- a) cutting a polymeric material into a desired <sup>muntin</sup> configuration;
  - b) cleaning the cut polymeric material;
  - c) coating the cleaned polymeric material; and
  - d) baking the polymeric material.

11. The method as claimed in claim <sup>6</sup>10 wherein cutting a polymeric material into a desired configuration comprises the step of cutting a planar sheet of polystyrene.

12. The method as claimed in claim <sup>6</sup>10 wherein cleaning the cut polymeric material comprises the step of wiping the cut polymeric material with alcohol.

13. The method as claimed in claim <sup>6</sup>10 wherein coating the cleaned polymeric material comprises spraying the polymeric material with a latex paint.

14. The method as claimed in claim <sup>6</sup>10 further comprising the step of placing the polymeric material between two panes of glass.

15. The method as claimed in claim <sup>10</sup>14 further comprising the step of

hermetically sealing the two panes of glass.

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~~16~~. The method as claimed in claim <sup>6</sup>~~10~~ further comprising the step of placing a pin the cut polymeric material.

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~~17~~. The method as claimed in claim <sup>12</sup>~~16~~ wherein placing a pin comprises the step of placing an aluminum pin.

~~18. A muntin for use in a window comprising a non-metal, planar member, said planar member conforming to the window, and a coating, said coating covering said planar member, wherein said coating prevents the escape of volatiles from said planar member upon heating.~~

~~19. The muntin of claim 18 formed from polystyrene.~~

~~20. The muntin of claim 18 wherein said coating is latex paint.~~

~~21. The muntin of claim 18 formed from wood.~~

~~22. The muntin of claim 18 formed from polyurethane.~~